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**A SWINDLER EXPOSED.**—A letter dated Frankfurt, Ky., February 13, gives the following details of an affair which was briefly referred to in our columns a few days ago:

"This community has been excited for a day or two past with the extraordinary adventures of one S. Adams Lee, who claimed to be a nephew of the late General R. E. Lee, exhibiting letters and papers in authentication of the assumed fact. His first appearance here was a fortnight ago, when by plausible address and adroit use of his letters and papers he induced the Legislature to grant him the use of its hall to deliver a lecture on 'God in the Ocean.' He claimed to have been a naval officer on the Merrimack at the time of its combat with the Monitor, and by a pitiful tale of his misfortunes as a Confederate he induced General John C. Breckinridge, through his regard for the Lee family, to loan him fifty dollars. Similar exactions were made upon the confidence of Colonel J. Stoddard Johnston and other leading ex-Confederates.

S. Adams Lee wore a military attire and sports a cork leg, which he says is the fruit of his Confederate service. After his first exploits here, information came from the Georgia papers and through private sources that he was a rare impostor, and although a distant relative of the Lee family, yet he had been disowned by them. His fine address and polished manners gained him entrance into the best society and for a while he was a sort of lion. Particularly was this true of his acquaintanceship among the ladies.

Ingratiating himself into the confidence of the principal of a female academy at New Castle, Kentucky, he made the acquaintance and won the affections of one of the teachers, an intelligent and attractive young lady from a northern State. Her mother sought to prevent their marriage and took her home, but she returned alone to Eminence, where she joined Lee, and both came to this city yesterday to consummate the basest, taking rooms at the Merrimack House.

Fortunately an acquaintance of the young lady discovered their presence; and, having seen the published accounts of Lee's rascality elsewhere, he took steps to prevent the intended marriage. Communicating with Colonel Stoddard Johnston, the latter, with General John C. Breckinridge, Colonel George Jesse, Colonel Taylor the county attorney, John Julian, and others formed themselves into a committee and proceeded to the Merrimack House, where they confronted Lee with the proof of his deceptions. He admitted the charge, but said he suffered so much from the use of opium (a tin box of which he displayed to his interviewers) that he hoped that they would excuse him.

By this time quite a crowd had collected, and threats of violence were muttered. As he was a cripple, and upon his agreeing to leave the county, he was conducted to the Louisville train and allowed to depart. The lady expressed much surprise at the proofs of his villainy, and kissed him ere he went. She remained in mourning, night and at times expressed her examination, this morning, found the nature and depression to be in the parietal bone, and had preserved the injured part for evidence. The murderer has been arrested and those whom he declared his persecutors, have given to be hoped the publicity communitarian from being victimized by so adroit a villain.

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE DAYS ON A WRECK.**—One of the most dismal stories on record is that in connection with the wreck of the Sheleff, which was found floating water-logged near the Sandwich Island a few weeks ago. The wreck was seen one morning by the look-out on board the steamship Moses Taylor, whilst on the voyage from Japan to San Francisco. A solitary man was taken off the wreck, the only survivor of the crew and passengers. He was the captain of the vessel, and although he was in a most exhausted condition, he gave the following particulars of her disaster: The Sheleff sailed from San Francisco for Callao on the 22nd of June last, with a cargo of timber, under command of Captain Hopken. She had a crew consisting of first and second mates and fourteen seamen, together with four passengers. The weather was rather rough at the commencement of the passage, but on the 1st of July there was a dead calm. On the 3d, however, the ship was overtaken by heavy squalls, and the vessel was compelled to run under bare poles. The wind and sea continued to increase, and it soon became evident that the ship was caught in a cyclone, and on the morning of the 4th instant she was on her beam ends, the sea making a clean breach over her, and in order to keep her from foundering the masts were cut away, and the vessel partially righted. The cargo in the 'tween decks was the meantime got loose and carried away the skylights, wheel-house, companionway, and jammed up the entrance to the cabin. It was found that this was impossible, and that it was impossible to get at either provisions or water, and the vessel soon filled with the sea. The stem, and was completely washed by every wave. In this desperate condition, without food or drink, or control over their vessel, and out of the track of any probable passing sail, the unfortunate crew thought their case hopeless. They succeeded in getting a barrel of tongues, two half barrels of salmon, and a box of starch, but the water butts were stove in, and not a drop could be had from them. A sail was, however, rigged in such a way as to catch some rain water. The cargo now began to press the deck and sides astunder, and it was feared that the vessel would go to pieces. The hawsers were got out and lashed around the stern of the ship, but though the crew were for a time safe from drowning, they were tormented by thirst, and it was in vain the captain begged them not to drink salt water. They over their bodies. They were attacked with dysentery, and soon afterwards died in raging madness. In spite of all the privations endured, it was not until the 17th of October nearly four months from the time the Sheleff was thrown on her beam ends, that the last survivor except the captain died. After his death the captain gave up all hope, and laid down. Nine days after this he was picked up in an insensible condition by the Moses Taylor.

**AGRICULTURAL.**  
**LANDRETH'S**  
Fresh and Genuine  
**GARDEN SEEDS.**  
We have received our first spring supply of  
**GARDEN SEEDS**  
from the old and reliable house of D. Landreth & Son, Philadelphia.  
Catalogues can be had upon application to  
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200 bushels choice Clover Seed.  
100 bushels choice Sable Clover Seed.  
50 bushels prime Timothy Seed.  
15 bushels Kentucky Blue Grass.  
10 bushels Herds Grass.  
10 bushels Orchard Grass.  
Just received and for sale by  
**THOS. PERRY,**  
Feb 15 17 King street.

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**CHOICE TIMOTHY SEED.**  
A full supply in store and for sale by  
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**GROUND PLASTER.**  
**SEASON OF 1872.**  
We are prepared to fill orders for GROUND PLASTER, of the best quality, at seven dollars per ton in bulk; eight dollars if we furnish bags in new bags sold with the Plaster.  
Mill on Princess street, near the Washington and Ohio R. R. Depot.  
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We have just received our usual large stock of the above celebrated  
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which we warrant fresh and genuine. Having given satisfaction in the past, we can recommend them for the future. Don't fail to call.  
**COOK & CREIGHTON,**  
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**PRIME CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED.**  
At market rates.  
**R. M. LAWSON.**  
Feb 10

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**GARDEN FIELD AND GRASS SEEDS.**  
**SPECIALTIES.**  
300 bushels CHOICE OHIO CLOVER.  
200 do. do. VALLEY do.  
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100 do. do. do. BLUE GRASS.  
Large stocks constantly on hand, which will be sold wholesale and retail at lowest market rates.  
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100 BARRELS CHOICE EARLY ROSE POTATOES.  
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**BONE DUST,** (superior article in bags.)  
**GROUND PLASTER, PERUVIAN GUANO,** &c.  
Implements and machines of all kinds, suitable for the Field and Garden.  
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Jan 19-collm

**THOS. E. WILLIAMS, M.D.**  
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Jan 19-collm

**KENT & NEALE,**  
**ATTORNEYS.**  
AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.  
Practice in the Courts of the city of Alexandria, the adjoining counties, and of the District of Columbia.  
**GENERAL CLAIM AND PENSION AGENTS.**  
Office, No. 164 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.  
Oct 27-1f

**DR. LOOCKERMAN,** from this date respectfully informs the public that, having procured the necessary and competent assistance, he is now prepared to perform all Dental operations at greatly reduced rates—nearly one half his former charges—warranting all work to be first class only. Office hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
**DR. JAMES B. HODGKIN.**  
**DENTAL SURGEON.**  
(Graduate Baltimore College Dental Surgery.)  
Office and Residence 99 Prince Street,  
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No. 91 N. Washington Street,  
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Dr. Wm. Gibson, E. S. Leadbeater.  
Jan 5-3m

**G. W. JAMIESON, C. H. COLLINS.**  
**ALEXANDRIA IRON AND BRASS WORKS.**  
**JAMIESON & COLLINS, Proprietors.**  
**COR. OF ROYAL & WILKES STS.,**  
**ALEXANDRIA, VA.**  
Building Material, Mill Work and Castings of every description made at short notice.  
Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.  
Sep 6-1f

**W. S. MOORE,**  
**MACHINIST AND BLACKSMITH,**  
No. 65 Union street,  
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Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of MACHINERY, WROUGHT AND CAST IRON FENCES, &c.  
Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previous to the war.  
Jan 20

**PHILIP PARK,**  
**PRACTICAL PLUMBER,**  
No. 12 South Fairfax street.  
The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
JOBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen.  
Jan 2-1f

**STOCKINGS**—A full supply of Ladies' Hosiery in every grade; Children's Hosiery, all sizes, and Gents' Half Hose. Great bargains for the money.  
At R. L. WOOD'S.  
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**THIRTY PER CENT SAVED**  
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Sole Agent for Alexandria of the  
**IMPROVED BISMARCK CHAMPION AND DIRT EXCLUDER SHOE.**  
Sep 19-1y

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**ALEXANDRIA INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
Office, No. 91 King street.  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  
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F. A. Reid, George H. Robinson,  
E. S. Leadbeater, William Cogan,  
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Property in the city and country insured against loss by fire at lowest rates.  
Inland marine risks taken on the most favorable terms.  
All losses will be promptly adjusted and paid.  
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**BENONI WHEAT, President.**  
**MORTON MARVE, Sec'y.** Oct 26-1f

**WOOD AND COAL.**  
**COAL!** **COAL!** **COAL!**  
To arrive by rail from Baltimore, three car loads of Baltimore Company's COAL—EGG, STEVE AND NUT.  
**JOHN LEATHERLAND,**  
Feb 6 No. 26 King street.

**COAL!** **COAL!** **COAL!**  
To arrive, ex schr. Mary R. Somers, a superior article of  
**ANTHRACITE COAL,**  
of the following sizes: EGG, STEVE AND NUT, which will be sold low from vessel.  
**M. ELDREDGE & CO.,**  
Nov 8 No. 4 South Wharves.

**COAL!** **COAL!** **COAL!**  
For sale, to arrive three cargoes, Lykens Valley, Egg, White Ash, broken, do, Egg, do, Steve, do, Chestnut, will be sold at market rates.  
**JOHN LEATHERLAND,**  
26 King st., cor. Queen and Water and cor. Prince and St. Asaph.  
July 25

**COAL!** **COAL!** **COAL!**  
Constantly on hand a supply of superior quality WHITE and RED ASH COAL, which will be sold at market rates, 2240 lbs to the ton, ally to the ton.  
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Cameron and Royal streets, (at 9th Wharves, stand) and will keep, in connection with his stand, the best descriptions of COAL always on hand and at the lowest prices.  
Orders solicited and promptly filled. Dec 18

**COAL!** **COAL!** **COAL!**  
Either by the cargo, car load or retail.  
**COAL DOCKS, Alexandria, Va., and George town, D. C.**  
**THE NEW RUBBER-CUSHIONED NOISELESS SLATE,** for the Schools of Virginia, for sale at FERRIS'S, No. 95 King street, sole agent for the manufacturers.  
The introduction of these Slates, and their superiority over all other devices for preventing noise, marring desks, and preventing in a most remarkable degree the breaking of slates and frames, created a very strong and constantly increasing demand from Superintendents, Principals and Teachers in schools of all grades. These slates are of the first quality of selected slate only, and are finished in the most workmanlike manner. A full supply of all sizes just received. The Tribune Almanac for 1872, contains a mass of valuable information. 20c.  
The Church Almanac for 1872. 15c.  
The St. Paul's Magazine for Jan'y., 1872. 30c.  
The Contemporary Review for Jan'y., 72c.  
Wild Men and Wild Beasts, or Scenes in Camp and Jungle, by L. Col. Girden Cummings, edited by Bayard Taylor. \$1.50.  
The Mystery of Orival, by Emile Garborian. 75c.  
Woman's Record, or sketches of all distinguished women from the creation to A. D. 1868, by Mrs. Hale. Illustrated by 230 portraits. 1 vol., large, 8vo., \$6. New Books daily.  
Jan 25 G. E. FRENCH.

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**VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,**  
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**VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.**  
160 ACRES OF IMPROVED LAND, on the Middle River Turnpike, 7 miles from Washington and 4 from Alexandria, with a beautiful view of the latter city and of the Potomac river. The improvements consist of a BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with all the necessary out-buildings, and an abundance of choice fruit and all descriptions. The farm is well watered, and has a plenty of timber.  
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A FARM, in Fauquier county, 6 miles below Warrenton, and within two miles of a station on the Warrenton branch of the O. A. & M. R. R. The tract contains about 400 acres; is well timbered and watered, and is considered fine grazing land.  
The above property, the title to which is without defect, will be sold cheap and upon accommodating terms. Apply to A. B. Gazette office, Feb 11-1f

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Can Openers, Prunes,  
Coffee, Pepper Sauce,  
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Citron, Raisins,  
Crackers, Roasted Coffee,  
Crackers Ground, Spices, Hotter,  
Catsup, Sweet Herbs,  
Canned Vegetables, Canned Ham,  
Canned Fruits, Salt,  
Cocoanut Dessicated, Sausage,  
Candles, Sugar,  
Corn Starch, Spiced Oysters,  
Corn Dried in papers, Starch,  
Lard, Maple Sugar, and  
Figs, Gelatine, Sogars,  
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Lard, Whisks,  
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